

The Wisconsin "No Call" list has been a major asset to my husband and myself. Prior to signing up, we would receive 3-6 solicitation phonecalls a day, mostly in the evenings.

Many of these telemarketers were relentless in their pursuit of sharing their sales pitch with us. If we would try to say "please don't call here," or "I'm not interested," we would be subjected to further reasons why we "can't live without this offer." Some of them even got threatening or accusatory, such as telling us that "we are ignorant of what could happen" for insurance sales, or "don't we value our veterans" when it came to sales where a percentage goes to a special charity or organization.

Also, as he leaves for work very early in the morning, my husband likes to be in bed between 8-8:30 pm. Many times, calls would be concentrated into that 8-9 pm hour, waking him up with every ring of the telephone. When we would tell telemarketers that it is rude to call after 8, we would hear that we should "turn our ringers off, then." As we both have aging family members with health problems, that option is impossible for us.

Today, we receive maybe 3-6 calls every two weeks from companies we are affiliated with through our credit cards, special interest groups, etc.

I truly believe Wisconsin's Do Not Call List has made a big difference in the few hours I have to spend with my husband in the evenings after both of us have worked long days. No more unimportant calls come through to ruin our quiet family moments. Please do not rule against this important system Wisconsin put into place.